

THE
MOST DEVOUT
PRAYERS
OF
St. BRIGITTE,

Touching the most holy
Passion of

OUR SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST.

Composed by the aforesaid Saint,
by instinct of the Holy Ghost.

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To be said in honour of the sacred wounds of our Saviour.

I.

O Most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, eternal sweetness of those who love thee, joy above all joy and desire, firm hope of the hopeless, solace of the sorrowful, and most merciful lover of all penitent sinners, who hast said *thy delight is to be with the Sons of Men*, for the love of whom thou didst assume humane Nature in the fulness of time; remember, most sweet Lord Jesus, all those sharp sorrows which transpierced thy sacred Soul, from the first instant of thy Incarnation, until

the time of thy solitary passion, pre-ordained from all Eternity ; remember, O most amiable Saviour, all those bitter anguishes thou didst suffer, when at thy last Supper thou didst wash the Feet of thy Disciples, didst feed them with the sacred banquet of thy precious Body and Blood, and most sweetly comforting them, didst foretel them thy ensuing passion after which, going to Mount Olivet, thou saidst, *My Soul is sorrowful unto death*, Remember, I beseech thee, O most sweet Saviour, that bitter grief and anguish, which thy sacred Soul did suffer, when Praying three several times to thy Heavenly Father, thou didst sweat Water and Blood, thou wert betrayed by thy own Disciple, apprehended by thy chosen People, accused by false witnesses, unjustly judged by three Judges, and in thy elected City, in the paschal solemnity, in the flourishing age
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of thy youth, wert wrongfully condemned, bound, beaten, spurned, spit upon, dispoyled of thy own Garments, and cloathed with others in scorn, wert blindfolded, buffeted, spit upon again, bound naked to a Pillar, most cruelly scourged, crowned with thornes, struck with a reed, and afflicted with innumerable other torments, pains, and injuries; O my most sweet Lord Jesus, by the memory and merit of all these bitter pains & anguishes before thy last expiration to the Cross, vouchsafe to grant me before my death, true contrition, entire Confession, a flowing fountain of Tears, full satisfaction, and plenary remission of all my sins. *Amen.*

O most gracious Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater Noster. Ave Maria.

II.

O Most sweet Lord Jesus, true liberty of Angels, and paradise of

Delights, remember, I beseech thee, that grief and sorrow which thou didst suffer, when thy cruel Enemies, like fierce Lyons, with furious and dreadful looks, compassing thee round about, did tear off thy Hair, spit upon thy sacred Face, scratch, beat, and buffet thee, and with all manner of unheard injuries, outrages, and torments, did most cruelly and basely blaspheme, scorn, and affront thee. O most sweet Lord Jesus, by all those most barbarous and inhumane outrages which thou didst suffer, vouchsafe to deliver me from all my Enemies visible and invisible, that protected under the shadow of thy wings, I may safely arrive at the Port of eternal Glory. *Amen.*

O most gracious Lord Jesus Christ, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

III.

O Most sweet Lord Jesus, omnipotent Creatour and Fabricatour of the World, and Repairer of mankind, who containest both Heaven and Earth in thy hand, and whose immensity no bounds can limit; remember, I beseech thee, the bitter pains and anguishes which thou didst endure, when the perfidious Jews pierced thy delicate and tender hands and feet with rough and blunt Nails, stretching them forth so violently with cords to the holes, which they had made in the Cross: thus they heaped dolour upon dolour, most cruelly disjoynting all thy Bones, breaking thy Veins, and renewing all thy sacred Wounds. O most sweet Jesus, by the memory of all these thy pains and torments on the Cross, vouchsafe to give me thy fear and love, with perfect

fect charity toward my neighbour.
Amen.

O most pious Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

IV.

O Most sweet Lord Jesus, Heavenly Physician of humane nature and eternal King, remember, I beseech thee, all those bitter pains and torments, which thou didst endure in thy sacred members, who being hoisted up upon the Cross, with all thy precious Body rent and torn, all thy Bones being so disjoynted, that not one remained in its right place, not having from the crown of thy head unto the soal of thy Feet any part left whole, so that no dolour could be compared to thine: at which time being unmindful of thy own Torments, thou didst mercifully pray to thy Heavenly Father for thy cruel Enemies, saying,
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Father forgive them, for they know not what they do. O most meek and merciful Lord Jesus, by this thy admirable benignity, goodness, love, and mercy, and by all thy bitter pains and torments, grant that the memory of thy dolorous Passion, may be to me a most powerful protection of my Soul and Body, against all the deceits, temptations, and molestations of the Devils, my cruel Enemies. *Amen.*

O most merciful Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

V.

O Most sweet Lord Jesus, mirror of eternal brightness, and wisdom of the omnipotent Father; remember the bitter grief and sorrow thy sacred Soul did feel, when beholding in the clear mirror of thy divine prescience the predestination of thy elect, who through the merits of thy

thy most wholsom Passion were to be saved, and the reprobation of the wicked who for their ingratitude were to be damned, and the abyss of thy immense mercy, by which thou didst commiserate and shed tears for us miserable, lost, and forlorn sinners, and chiefly by that mercy, which thou didst shew to the Thief upon the Cross, saying to him, *This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise.* I beseech thee, O most sweet Lord Jesus, my Lord and my God, to shew the like mercy unto me, now and at the hour of my death. *Amen.*

O most sweet Lord Jesus, be merciful to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

VI.

O Most sweet Lord Jesus, omnipotent King, and most amiable Friend, remember the bitter grief, and sorrow thy sacred Soul did suffer, when being forsaken of all thy friends
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and acquaintance, thou didst hang naked, rent and torn upon the Cross, not having any to comfort or compassionate thee, but only the glorious Virgin Mary thy Mother, who standing under the Cross in the bitterness of her Soul, accompanied thee in all torments; unto whom thou didst commend thy beloved Disciple St. *John* in thy place, saying to her, *Woman behold thy Son*; and after to thy Disciple, *Behold thy Mother*. O most sweet Lord Jesus, by that Sword of sorrow which did then transpierce her sacred Soul, and by the tender love and compassion, wherewith thou didst resent the sad sufferances of thy sorrowful Mother, have pitty and compassion on me, I beseech thee my dearest Lord, and mercifully help, comfort, succour, and assist me in all my tribulations, adversities, necessities, sorrows and sufferances both

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spiritual and corporal. *Amen.*

O most excellent Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

VII.

O Most sweet Lord Jesus, crown of joy, treasure of felicity, sweet source of consolation, and unexhausted fountain of mercy, who hanging upon the Cross, out of the most inflamed desire thou hadst of the Salvation of our Souls, saidst, *I thirst*; to wit, for the redemption of Mankind: O dearest Lord, by this thy ardent charity, inflame our hearts with thy holy love, enkindle our desires to accomplish diligently all good works, and wholly extinguish the heat of all evil concupiscences and worldly affections in me. *Amen.*

O most excellent Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

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O Most sweet Lord Jesus, true light of those that believe in thee, suavity of hearts, and Sovereign solace of all the faithful Souls, by that bitter gall & vinegar thou didst taste for us upon the Cross at the hour of thy death; grant us miserable sinners, grace worthily to receive at all times, and particularly at the hour of our death, thy most precious Body and Blood, that by the vertue of this divine Banquet, and all other salutary Sacraments, we may be preserved from all evils, sins and punishments, and replenished with all joy, securely appear in thy divine presence. *Amen.*

O most sweet Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

IX.

O Most sweet Lord Jesus, regal vertue, and mental Jubily; remember,

member I beseech thee, those excessive pains and anguishes thou didst endure for us upon the Cross, when through the bitterness of death, and the impious blasphemies, derisions, scornes, and reproaches of the Jews, with a loud voice and weeping eyes thou didst cry to thy heavenly Father with this sad complaint, *Eloi, Eloi, lammafabacthani!* that is to say, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* O most sweet Lord Jesus, by this bitter torment, sorrow grief, and anguish, vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to have pittie on me, and succour me in all my sorrows, sufferances, and tribulations, and particularly at the hour of my death: O then my dearest Lord and my God, vouchsafe to assist and succour me, and do not forsake me I beseech thee. *Amen.*

O most gracious Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster.
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O Most sacred Lord Iesus, *Alpha* and *Omega*, the *beginning* and *ending* of all things, and mirrour of vertue ; remember how from the crown of the head to the feet thou wert immersed in the deluge of thy dolorous passion, for the love of us vile sinners. O my most sweet Lord Iesus, by the length, breadth, greatness, and multitude of thy sacred Wounds, take from me the love of the World, and teach me by a true and perfect charity, always to keep thy holy Laws and Commandments. *Amen.*

O most wise Lord Iesu, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

XI.

O Most sweet Lord Iesus, sovereign Goodness, eternal Beatitude of thy Saints, and most profound Abyffe of mercy, by thy deep
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and dolorous wounds, which did not only transpierce thy sacred flesh, but even thy bowels, and the marrow of thy bones: be merciful to me a miserable sinner, who am drowned in my sins and iniquities, and hide me in thy sacred wounds from the face of wrath, until thine indignation be past and appeased. *Amen.*

O most potent Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

XII.

O Most sweet Lord Jesus, mirrour of verity, pledge of Unity, and bound of Charity; remember the innumerable multitude of those painful wounds wherewith thou wert covered from head to foot, all thy most holy Body being most cruelly rent and torn by the most impious, and died with thy precious Blood, all which most dreadful dolours thou didst endure for the love of us vile sinners:

sinners: O most sweet Lord Jesus, what couldest thou do for us more than thou hast done? O my most gracious Lord, engrave these thy dolours deeply in my heart, and write them there with thy precious Blood, that in them I may always read thy love and dolours, so that the memory of thy painful passion may daily be renewed in me, and my love increased towards thee, and I remain perpetually thankful to thy immense Charity to the last period of my life, until I come to enjoy thee my only dear Lord and most desired treasure, abounding with all joy and felicity, which through thy goodness be pleased to grant, O most sweet Lord Jesus. *Amen.*

O most glorious Lord Jesus Christ, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

XIII.

O Most sweet Lord Jesus, most victorious Lyon, invincible, triumphant and immortal King; remember, I beseech thee, all the bitter pains and anguishes thou didst endure, when all the forces of thy Heart, and Body failing, bowing down thy sacred head, thou saidst, *It is consummated*: O dearest Lord, by these thy deadly dolours have mercy on me at my last passage, when my Heart and Soul shall be in anguish and anxiety. *Amen.*

O most noble Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

XIV.

O Most sweet Lord Jesus, only begotten Son of the eternal Father, figure of his substance, and splendour of his glory; remember
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that most earnest recommendation wherewith thou didst commend thy sacred sweet Soul to thy omnipotent Father upon the Cross, saying, *Father into thy hands I commend my spirit*; at which time thou didst hang naked upon the Cross, with thy most holy Body all overwounded, rent and torn, powring forth streams of most precious Blood, with thy face pale and wanne, thy head crowned with thorns, thy arms extended, thy hands nailed, thy veines broken, thy bones disjoynted, thy bowels of mercy opened, thy eyes weeping and obscured, thy voice failing, thy breast thirsting, and thy holy heart broken: O my most merciful Lord, unto all these cruel pains and torments didst thou deliver thy most sacred, innocent, tender, pure and precious Body, for the redemption of us most wretched, vile, and miserable sinners, and in this manner render thy
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sweet soul to thy celestial Father, by which most precious and innocent death of thine, and by the vertue of thy holy Cross, I beseech thee, O Father of mercy, and omnipotent King of Saints, to give me grace to resist the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, that being dead to all terrestrial things, I may live to thee alone, and have the happiness to be received by thee at my last passage, when this my miserable exile shall be ended. *Amen.*

O most pious Lord Iesus, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

XV.

O Most sweet Lord Iesus, most flourishing, true and fruitful Vine; remember the superabundant effusion of thy precious Blood, which thou didst pour forth so plentifully from all parts of thy holy Body, like a cluster of pressed grapes, when thou thy self all alone didst tread the Wine-press

press on the Cross, and out of thy pierced side didst give us water and wine to drink, not leaving so much as one drop, being then like a bundle of pure and precious Myrrhe; thou wert hanged on high upon the Cross, at which time the liquor of thy bowels dried up, the marrow of thy bones consumed, and thy most delicate and tender Body wholly fainted and failed. O most sweet Lord Jesus, by this most liberal effusion of thy precious Blood, by thy bitter Death and Passion, and all thy sacred wounds, vouchsafe to wound my heart with that tender love, wherewith the holy heart of thy most Blessed Mother was wounded under the Cross, that the tears of love and penance may be my bread, day and night, and convert me wholly to thee, that thy heart may be my perpetual habitation, my conversation pleasing and acceptable to thy divine Majesty, and
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the end of my life so laudable, that having finished this mortal pilgrimage, I may be admitted into thy immortal glory to praise and glorifie thee, my soveraign Lord, in the sweet society of thy holy Angels and Saints for all eternity. *Amen.*

O most gracious Lord Iesus, be propitious to me a sinner. Pater noster. Ave Maria.

O Most sweet Lord Iesus Christ, Son of the living God, vouchsafe to receive these Prayers, in union of that most excellent love, where-with thou didst suffer all the wounds of thy most precious Body, and be merciful to me thy poor unworthy servant, and all sinners, with all faithful souls both living and dead, graciously granting to us all mercy, grace, remission of sins, and life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE END





The Approbation.

T*Hese pious Prayers, so much esteemed by devout persons, and divers times Printed in Rome, Venice, almost in all places of Italy, Spain, France, and in these Low-Countries in their severall Languages, worthily deserve to be exposed in our vulgar Tongue, for the Comfort of all those who desire to be partakers of such spiritual graces and favours; wherefore I judge them fit to be Printed, Doway this 5. of July 1653.*

Br. Angelus of St. Francis
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piscopal Censour of
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